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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #22 - As of 6:00 A.M. EDT)

1. The Pakistani radio claimed last night that Indian paratroops were dropped near most major West Pakistan cities, including Lahore, Karachi, and Rawalpindi. Additional information indicates that the Pakistanis believe there was also a drop near Peshawar.

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Some Pakistani troops were dropped near New Delhi and at a steel complex near Calcutta,

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2. No major outbreaks of communal violence have been reported in either country but the US Embassy in New Delhi comments that communal tensions there are close to the surface and that Embassy officers have seen several attacks on Muslims by Hindu crowds. Indian appeals for vigilance coupled with reported Pakistani paradrops have helped to heighten tensions.

3. The US Consul General in Lahore reports that a crowd gathered yesterday in front of the Consulate, pulled down the US flag, and then burned it. Pakistani officials have apologized for the

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4. Pakistan has asked foreign visitors to leave the country and has restricted diplomats to the cities where they are stationed. Foreign visitors have been forbidden to enter the country without special permission.

5. We have had little news regarding the fighting on the ground. Indian troops apparently remain bogged down in the Punjab a few miles beyond the border.

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6. U Thant arrived in Pakistan last night after stating at a stopover in Iran that he had "several suggestions" for ending the fighting. The Indians have told the US Embassy that their planes will be grounded while Thant is airborne traveling from Pakistan to India in order to "avoid what happened to Hammarskjold."

7. Iranian Prime Minister Hoveida left last night for Ankara to discuss with the Turkish Government Pakistan's request for military aid. The Iranian Ambassador to Pakistan has told Ambassador McConaughy that Tehran will announce today that it intends to lend some assistance to the Pakistanis, but that this will be mainly for effect and morale and will not be of a military nature. Iran feels the gesture is necessary, the ambassador says, to prevent Pakistan from turning away from its Western allies. On the other hand, the secretary general of SEATO announced last night that the member-nations of the organization will not respond positively to Pakistani appeals for aid since the present conflict does not involve aggression against Pakistan by a Communist power.

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[Redacted] Shastri said that India would not terminate the fighting until it could be certain that a settlement would not result in a reversion to constant Pakistani provocations and assaults, adding that India would not be compelled by force of arms to negotiate the Kashmir issue. Shastri also would not predict that the conflict would be confined to its present area. The ambassador noted that Shastri appeared to be accepting events rather than trying to control them.

9. An Indonesian mob in Djakarta, running true to form, has virtually wrecked the Indian embassy there.

10. The Shah, speaking with Ambassador Meyer in Tehran, reported that Ayub had called him personally to plead for Iranian assistance. In the course of this telephone conversation Ayub stated that he believed the US lack of response to Pakistani appeals for aid was probably due to a US desire to see Pakistan destroyed and one Indian nation emerge on the subcontinent.

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